Staunton—Its Future.

While Roanoke, Salem, Buena Vista, Glasgow, and other places in and out of Virginia have been making fine progress in new developments, Staunton, *the* chief city of the noted Shenandoah Valley, the garden spot of the State, possessed of every advantage, agricultural, industrial, religious, educational, and social, which could invite capital and promote enterprise, has been quietly and confidently resting in the consciousness of her possessions, and awaiting the plans of organization and development which her men of affairs, distinguished for their conservative business character and intelligence had undertaken to mature. With a view to large and important developments, options have been procured upon such properties in and adjacent to the city as were deemed desirable for carrying out their plans. It is rumored, however, that several persons are hesitating about executing the contract they have given in regard to their lands. We hope this is not true, for we should regret to know that any one in our midst could be so indifferent to the general welfare of the city and section as even to desire to withhold his property after a price had been agreed upon.

Beyond question, the score or more gentlemen who have undertaken this scheme have the ability, the industry, influence and means to carry it through, while the unsurpassed advantage of location in the centre of unlimited industrial resources, gives an importance to the enterprise that is rarely presented, and which cannot fail to attract the attention of those who are seeking investments of capital. The effort is one which calls for liberal and hearty co-operation. Let no hindrances stand in the way If necessary, let temporary inconvenience or sacrifices be suffered that permanent and substantial good may result to all.

It is a well known fact that our people have been contributing largely of both their money and energy to enterprises abroad. Encouraged by the success of less promising fields, let this movement be entered upon with the zeal and determination its possibilities justify, and make Staunton the second city in the State.